

Appln. No. 10/675,272
Amendment dated February 22, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed November 24, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 10 remain in this application. No claims have been cancelled or withdrawn. Claims 11 through 15 have been added.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Liu.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 5, which was indicated as being allowable over the prior art in the Office Action. Therefore, claim 1, as well as claims 6 and 10, which depend from claim 1, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of claim 1 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action states that claim 2 would be allowable if written into independent form with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claim 1 (in its original form) into the recitation of claim 2, and therefore claim 2 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 7, 8, and 9, by virtue of their dependency from amended claim 2, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action

Claims 3 through 10 have been allowed.


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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

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